

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL TIME  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

The Council held a hybrid meeting with Councilors Michelle Belkot, Gary Medvigy and Chair Karen Bowerman present via WebEx. Councilor Sue Marshall convened in the Hearing Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Councilor Glenn Yung, absent (excused).

**1:00 PM**

**Open Public Comment**

*NONE*

**Old Business**

***Approval of minutes for October 18, 2023***

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilor Marshall to **APPROVE** the minutes for October 18, 2023. Councilor Medvigy seconded the motion. All aye/motion passed.

- Farmland Conservation Easements (follow up from Legacy Lands work session)
  - Presented by Keving Tyler, Rocky Houston, and Danielle Calley.
    - Majority of the Council is supportive of preserving and looking at farmland in and out of the urban growth boundaries down to five acres; they will put together a plan to bring back to Council including budget.
    - Majority of the Council is supportive of the Conservation Covenant Running with the Land. Once staff has an update this will come back in front of Council Time before placed on a Council Hearing meeting agenda for Council's final approval.

**New Business**

- ARPA Funding – New Requests
  - Presented by Laura Young
    - Council agrees not to support Public Works, although is supportive to have the funds reallocated for Public Health and the balance of the funds are allocated to fund the Public Defense Office. The remaining requests will go into the ongoing capitol projects. Council is also supportive of the Zoom License fees.
    - The three staff reports will be added to a Council Hearing agenda for final consideration and vote.
- Planning Commission Discussion
  - Planning Commission is inviting the Council to a luncheon in January. Council agrees to a date uncertain at this time for January 2024.

**Councilor Reports**

- Councilor Marshall attended WSAC Comprehensive Plan Update, they filmed the session, and she sent out the link for the Council's viewing.

**Work Session Requests**

- Clean Water Rate Study
  - Council agrees to move forward with the Work Session request.
- Parks & Lands Park Fee Program Review
  - Council agrees to move forward with the Work Session request.

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**Report on Policy Issues**

- Jordan Boege, Sr. Policy Analyst
  - Looked into DNR Land Swap Program-There is \$70M available created out of the Climate Commitment Act-They require the County to submit a Letter of Interest if they wanted to participate in this program. Email was sent with further details. Council may reexplore this topic in January 2024.
  - The BEAD (Broadband Equity Access and Deployment), Vol.2 has been released.

**Executive Sessions**

Leslie Lopez amended the agenda regarding executive session, to change the time frame on collective bargaining from 15 minutes to 5 minutes.

Start Time 2:22pm with the presence of legal counsel. 1 Potential Litigation, RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – 15 minutes; 1 Collective Bargaining – 5 minutes; RCW 42.30.110(1)(a)(ii) - 20 Minutes, with no potential action. End time was 3:13pm.

**ADJOURNED**

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Karen Dill Bowerman, Chair

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Glen Yung, Councilor

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Michelle Belkot, Councilor

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Gary Medvigy, Councilor

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Sue Marshall, Councilor

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Messinger, Clerk to the Council

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